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DIARYL-2-(5H)-FURANONES AS
CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITORS

Art Unit: 1626

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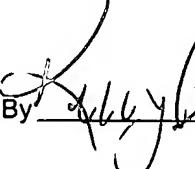
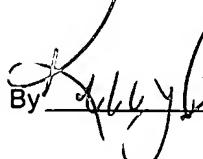
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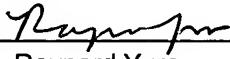
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